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Human Relations Commission
[February 7, 2011]

MINUTES – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING (HRC)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011
ROGER MOYER RECREATION CENTER

PRESENT:

M. Keller, Chairman J. Spencer M. Scott P. Schenck D. Graham
H. Leitch S. Kaisler I. M. Sims T. Boston E. Knight W. Mitchell

EXCUSED: R. Katchmar M. Doskow D. Williams Liaison Rensted

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: P. Soin

COUNTY HRC REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Mark Heiss

GUEST PRESENT: Careen Mayer

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Guest speaker Bethanne Bruniga related the history of how her creation of a “gay/straight alliance” developed years ago when she was in high school. All expressed appreciation for her input and she thanked HRC for the opportunity to speak.

REPORT ON COVE MEETING: Commissioner Schenck said the meeting was postponed due to weather and reset for March 1st (in Columbia, Maryland). She announced that if anyone wishes to attend she will drive.

HRC NEXT STEPS IN DEALING WITH BULLYING: The next steps for HRC regarding dealing with bullying in the local schools was discussed. Key is finding out what is currently taking place so as not to be repetitive. Commissioners Schenck and Spencer will seek to meet with school officials and provide at the next HRC meeting specific information as to how HRC will proceed.

STATUS OF FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINT OF KT: Chair Keller related that the date for the decision meeting is now set firmly for February 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the locale to be determined.

WEEKLY PRESENTATIONS ON HATE CRIMES/INCIDENTS: Chair Keller reported in some detail on the weekly half hour Power Point presentation he makes to Annapolis police officers. Captain Della was key in arranging for this and was thanked for his support of same. Many Commissioners in attendance were interested in either attending one of the sessions or receipt of the presentation from Chair Keller.

DIALOGUE PROJECT – BLOOMSBURY SQUARE/ST. JOHNS COLLEGE: Chair Keller needs a co-facilitator. Commissioner Mitchell’s offer was gratefully accepted. Refreshments are needed and numerous Commissioners will bring items such as beverages, cookies, napkins, etc.



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REPORT ON EXPERIENCE IN CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY: Commissioner Mitchell reported in depth about this 7-week course., She presented detailed information as to what was covered, which included drug raids by police and crime labs, to name just a few categories.

REPORT ON MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY: Commissioner Mark Heiss reported for the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission and spoke about the effort to add the Commission to the county code.

ADJOURNMENT: This took place at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted (via email to Chair Keller) – Jane Carr, Recording Secretary